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Introduction

The Eastern General Hospital was built in 1906 by the Leith Parish Council as a combined poor house and hospital. During the First World War the Hospital was used by the military authorities, becoming a base for injured US and Canadian troops. Later, a nurses' home, nurses' dining room and operating theatre were added. Following the Local Government Act 1929, the Hospital came under the control of the Edinburgh Corporation and was used as a hospital for the chronic sick. During the Second World War improvements were made to enable it to become part of the emergency hospital scheme.

Parts of the Hospital started to be closed from the late 1990s with the final closure coming in 2007. In 2008 the remaining Hospital buildings were badly damaged by fire.

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1 Patient Records, 1960-1998

These have been arranged chronologically.

1 OPD [Out-Patient Department] Treatment Book, 1960

This book gives the date of treatment, patient's name and address, diagnosis, treatment, doctor's clinic attended and the doctor consulted.

1 3 Oct 1960 – 10 Nov 1970

2 Operation Books, 1961-1998**1 Operation Books, 1961-1992**

This sub-series of operation books was for the Surgical Unit and entries are by running operation number. A note inside the front cover of LHB48/1/2/1/1 states that the General Surgical Unit of the Hospital opened on 1 April 1961 and includes a list of senior staff. From volumes 1-9, the books give patient's index number, patient's name, age, admission date, operation date, type of anaesthetic, surgeon, type of operation and remarks. From volume 10 the information given is patient's index number, date of operation, patient's name, age, disease, type of operation, type of anaesthetic, operator (surgeon) and anaesthetist.

- 1 4 Apr 1961 – 20 Nov 1961
- 2 23 Nov 1961 – 20 Jun 1962
- 3 22 Jun 1962 – 16 May 1963
- 4 16 May 1963 – 29 Apr 1964
- 5 30 Apr 1964 – 20 May 1965
- 6 23 May 1965 – 21 Jun 1967
- 7 21 Jun 1967 – 31 Jul 1968
- 8 31 Jul 1968 – 17 Sep 1969
- 9 17 Sep 1969 – 14 Aug 1970
- 10 16 Aug 1970 – 18 Oct 1972
- 11 22 Oct 1972 – 24 Aug 1977
- 12 29 Aug 1977 – 28 Jan 1980
- 13 28 Jan 1980 – 27 Jan 1982

Includes loose sheet with additional entries from January 1980.

1 Patient Records, 1960-1998**2 Operation Books, 1961-1998****1 Operation Books, 1961-1992**

14 27 Jan 1982 – 2 Nov 1983

15 7 Nov 1983 – 3 Jul 1985

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17 27 Nov 1985 – 9 Dec 1987

From this date only the patient's name, age and type of operation is given.

18 9 Dec 1987 – 1 May 1989

19 1 May 1989 – 4 Jul 1990

20 4 Jul 1990 – 9 Sep 1992

21 9 Sep 1992 – 14 Dec 1993

2 Operation Books, 1984-1998

This sub-series is arranged by date of operation and overlaps with LHB48/1/2/1 above. The first volume gives date of operation, patient's unit number, patient's name, age, ware, time of operation, type of operation, surgeon, anaesthetic, anaesthetist, scrubbed assistant, floor nurse and instrument count. Volumes 2 and 3 and volumes 4 to 11 are in different formats from the first volume and each other but give virtually the same information although they include theatre number.

1 4 Sep 1984 – 7 Dec 1987

2 2 Feb 1988 – 1 Nov 1989

3 1 Nov 1989 – 8 May 1991

4 8 May 1991 – 19 Oct 1991

5 21 Oct 1991 – 26 Mar 1992

6 26 Mar 1992 – 8 Sep 1992

Also described as 'Scrub Book' on inside cover.

7 8 Sep 1992 – 25 Feb 1993

8 26 Feb 1993 – 9 Aug 1993

9 9 Aug 1993 – 24 Aug 1993

10 25 Aug 1993 – 23 Oct 1993

1 Patient Records, 1960-1998**2 Operation Books, 1961-1998****2 Operation Books, 1984-1998**

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| 11 | 25 Oct 1993 – 21 Oct 1994 | Theatre Three only. |
| 12 | 11 Jan 1995 – 29 Jan 1998 | CEPOD list or operation in Theatre 3. Includes entries for Theatre 1 11/1/1995-12/4/1995. |
| 13 | 21 Jun 1989 – 11 Jun 1990 | Surgeon's Operation Book. Overlaps in date with LHB48/1/2/2/2-3. Contains similar though less complete information. |
| 14 | 29 Sep 1996 – 17 Mar 1998 | Overlaps in date with LHB48/1/2/2/12 but not in entries. |

3 Operation Books, Gynaecology, 1986-1993

Each book gives the date of the operation, patient's name, age and type of operation.

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| 1 | 12 Jul 1985 – 27 Jun 1986 |
| 2 | 27 Jun 1986 – 16 Oct 1987 |
| 3 | 16 Oct 1987 – 30 Apr 1989 |
| 4 | 1 May 1989 – 4 May 1990 |
| 5 | 4 May 1990 – 7 Nov 1991 |
| 6 | 8 Nov 1991 – 19 Mar 1993 |
| 7 | 18 Mar 1993 – 14 Dec 1993 |

4 Operation Books, Theatre 1, 1993-1998

Each book gives the date of operation, the operation number, patient's name, age, unit number, anaesthetist, time of operation, type of operation, surgeon, scrub nurse, instrument count and floor nurse.

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| 1 | 25 Oct 1993 – 7 Aug 1994 | |
| 2 | 8 Aug 1994 – 14 Jun 1995 | Includes entries for Theatre 3, 4/1/1995-13/4/1995. |
| 3 | 15 Jun 1995 – 24 May 1996 | |
| 4 | 27 May 1996 – 23 May 1997 | |

1 Patient Records, 1960-1998**2 Operation Books, 1961-1998****4 Operation Books, Theatre 1, 1993-1998**

5 26 May 1997 – 28 Mar 1998

5 Operation Books, Theatre 2, 1994-1998

Each book gives the date of operation, the operation number, patient's name, age, unit number, anaesthetist, time of operation, type of operation, surgeon, scrub nurse, instrument count and floor nurse.

1 24 Oct 1994 – 16 Sep 1995

2 16 Sep 1995 – 12 Oct 1996

3 14 Oct 1996 – 1 Dec 1997

4 1 Dec 1997 – 27 Mar 1998

6 Operation Books, Endoscopy Suite, 1995-1998

Each book gives the date of operation, whether the patient is an out-patient or in-patient, the operation number, patient's name, age, unit number, biopsies required, type of operation, sedation, surgeon, scrub nurse, instrument count and floor nurse.

1 3 Jan 1990 – 13 Aug 1991

2 4 Feb 1994 – 3 Feb 1995

3 6 Feb 1995 – 26 Oct 1995

4 27 Oct 1995 – 2 Jul 1996

5 3 Jul 1996 – 26 Mar 1997

6 27 Mar 1997 – 22 Jan 1998

7 Operation Book, Maternity Unit, 1978-1989

The book gives the date of the operation, patient's name, age, disease, operation, anaesthetic, operator (surgeon) and anaesthetist.

1 4 Jan 1978 – 14 Sep 1989

1 Patient Records, 1960-1998**3 Diagnostic books, 1961-1977**

These books recorded cystoscopies undertaken. They give the patient's index number, name, age, date of admission, date of procedure, type of anaesthetic used, procedure, name of surgeon and any remarks.

1 25 Jul 1967 – 24 Jul 1973

2 10 Apr 1961 – 31 Jan 1977 Includes brief entries from 1961 then complete records from 1973. A note at the end of the volume states that cystoscopies would be entered in the main operation book from February 1977.

4 Baby Bathing Books, 1968-1972

These books give the baby's surname, number of days old, birth weight, current weight, bathing times and observations on eyes, buttocks and umbilical cord.

1 23 Aug 1968 – 17 Jun 1969

2 19 June 1969 – 9 Apr 1970

3 10 Apr 1970 – 16 Mar 1971

4 17 Mar 1971 – 30 Mar 1972

5 Maternity Admissions Books, 1969-1983

These books give the patient's name and address, date and time of admission, age of patient, religion, diagnosis, discharge date, and hospital number. The first volume also states whether the patient is breast or bottle feeding. For delivery dates see LHB48/1/7 below.

1 22 Oct 1969 – 23 May 1974

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3 1 Dec 1975 – 31 Dec 1976

4 1 Jan 1977 – 28 Feb 1978

5 1 Mar 1978 – 30 Sep 1981

6 1 Oct 1981 – 31 Mar 1983

7 1 Apr 1983 – 31 Mar 1985

8 wanting

1 Patient Records, 1960-1998**5 Maternity Admissions Books, 1969-1983**

9 1 Jan 1988 – 28 Aug 1989

6 TPR [Temperature] Book, 1973-1974

The book gives the name of the patient and the relevant readings.

1 22 Sep 1973 – 24 May 1974

7 Registers of Deliveries, 1976-1998

The registers give the patient's name and address, age and case number; estimated delivery date; parity (number of children patient already had); date and time of actual delivery; whether labour 'S' or 'I' (possibly spontaneous or induced) ; presentation at delivery; method of delivery; analgesia or anaesthesia; complications; and delivered by (staff member). They also include collated statistical information on the reverse of the final page for each year.

1 1 Jan 1976 – 30 Dec 1977

2 1 Jan 1978 – 31 Dec 1979

3 1 Jan 1980 – 31 Dec 1981

4 1 Jan 1982 – 31 Dec 1983

5 1 Jan 1984 – 31 Dec 1984

6 1 Jan 1985 – 31 Dec 1987

7 1 Jan 1988 – 31 Dec 1989

8 1 Jan 1990 – 31 Dec 1990

9 1 Jan 1991 – 31 Dec 1991

10 1 Jan 1992 – 31 Dec 1992

11 1 Jan 1993 – 31 Dec 1993

12 1 Jan 1994 – 31 Dec 1994

13 1 Jan 1995 – 31 Dec 1995

14 1 Jan 1996 – 31 Dec 1996

15 1 Jan 1997 – 31 Dec 1997

1 Patient Records, 1960-1998**7 Registers of Deliveries, 1976-1998**

16 1 Jan 1998 – 31 Dec 1998

Staff of Maternity Unit all signed the reverse of the last page used in the register including their dates of service.

8 Day Bed Unit Registers, 1995-1998

These registers give the time of consultation, specialty of the consultant, consultant's name, patient's unit number, patient's name, gender and type of procedure.

1 16 Nov 1995 – 9 Aug 1996

2 12 Aug 1996 – 6 May 1997

3 7 May 1997 – 27 Mar 1998

9 Anaesthetic Books, 1981-1992

These books give the date of the operation, patient's name, type of operation, surgeon, anaesthetic used and anaesthetist. These books do not have an accession number and are not part of Acc 04/20.

1 3 Aug 1981 – 27 Jul 1983

Theatre I.

2 2 Aug 1983 – 1 Apr 1987

Theatre I.

3 14 Aug 1989 – 18 Mar 1992

Theatre I.

4 3 Aug 1981 – 29 Jul 1983

Theatre II.

5 2 Aug 1983 – 19 Nov 1985

Theatre II.

6 19 Nov 1985 – 30 Dec 1988

Theatre II.

7 30 Dec 1988 – 27 Jan 1992

Theatre II.

8 14 Jan 1992 – 29 Jan 1992

Theatre III.

9 25 May 1980 – 25 Sep 1986

Paediatrics.

2 Administrative Records, 1949-1997

These have been arranged chronologically.

1 Maternity reports, 1952-1959

These reports were a requirement of the Standard Maternity Hospital Report Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and consist of pre-printed tables. They captured statistical information on various obstetric conditions, stillbirths, premature live births, neonatal infections etc. No patient details are given except a register number which would presumably cross-refer to a patient register entry if patient registers were still extant.

1 1952 – 1954

2 1956 – 1957

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2 Policy and Medical Procedure Files, 1992-1997

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| 1 | 1994 | The COSHH [Control of Substances Hazardous to Health] File. Post Natal Unit's copy of the folder. Includes guidelines for risk assessments. |
| 2 | 1989 – 1997 | General Trust Policies. Includes medical records, fire safety, clinical waste, internal communications, health and safety, discharge of neonates. |
| 3 | c1992 | Standard. Maternity Unit standards. Some papers are earlier versions of the ones at LHB48/2/2/4. |
| 4 | c1993 | Post Natal Standards. Lists standards of service and how each was to be monitored with examples of questionnaires. |
| 5 | 1990s | Hospital Procedures. Arranged alphabetically and indexed. 2 folders. |
| 6 | 1990s | Guidelines for Student Midwives Ante and Post Natal. Post Natal ward's copy. 2 folders. |
| 7 | 1992 – 1996 | Policy Folder. Includes personnel policies and policies relating to patient treatment. Each policy was in a numbered plastic wallet which has been replaced with numbered interleaving. Indexed. 3 folders. |

2 Administrative Records, 1949-1997**2 Policy and Medical Procedure Files, 1992-1997**

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| 8 | 1992 | Lothian Health Board – Area Nursing and Midwifery Formulary. Comprises a list of products which nurses and midwives could use to care for patients. |
| 9 | May 1995 | East & Midlothian NHS Trust - Management of Infusion Devices – Information Pack. Concerns use of intravenous drips. |
| 10 | 1995 – 1997 | East & Midlothian NHS Trust Infection Control Folder. Includes methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) policy and policy on post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for HIV infection. |
| 11 | 1995 – 1997 | Procedures Manual. From the Special Care Baby Unit. Arranged alphabetically and indexed. 3 folders. |
| 12 | 1994 – 1996 | Clinical Guidelines – Neo-Natal Unit – EGH. Includes an alphabetical guide to drugs and their uses. 3 folders. |

3 Thoracic Unit Visitors Book, 1949-1980

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| 1 | 10 Jan 1949 – 28 Aug 1980 | Acc 08/20. |
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4 Correspondence, 1995

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| 1 | 24 Jan 1995 | Framed letter from private secretary to Princess Alexandra to George Brechin, Lothian Health Board, thanking the staff of the Eastern General Hospital following the birth of her grand-daughter, Flora Alexandra to Mrs James Ogilvy. Acc 07/16. |
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3 Staff Records, 1972-1995**1 Nursing Staff Register, 1972-1995**

The register gives the commencement date, name, address, grade, whether full time or part time, ward/department, leaving date and reason for leaving. Indexed.

1 4 Sep 1972 – 24 Apr 1995

2 Staff Cards, 1994-1995

The cards give name, staff number, leave taken, address, date of birth, name and address of next of kin and date of appointment (which in most cases pre-dates the year of the card). They also include information for some staff on promotions and transfers.

1 1994 – 1995 Medical Services – Charge Nurses – Staff Nurses.